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AVERY TURNER OFFERS EXCUSES

Thinks the Current Overdid the
Thing in Telling About Our
Rotten Train Service.

BLAMES THE LOCAL DEALERS

Says They Placed Order for More
Stuff Than They Needed and
at the Wrong Time.

Amarillo, Texas, Jan. 7, 1908.
The Carlsbad Current,
Carlsbad, New Mexico.
Gentlemen:

Your report of the "Boosters'
Meeting" in the issue of Friday,
December 20th, has just been
brought to my attention.

While there was serious delays
to westbound freight in the
month of November and some
slight delays in the month of
October, it was largely due to
conditions entirely beyond the
control of the railroad company.
Business men, in many lines of
business ordered a great many
more cars of freight than they
needed in coal, lumber and build-
ing material, and this right at a
time when we had over 300 miles
of track, the work of revision of
alignment and grade was under
way, requiring the movement of
an immense amount of material
necessarily making it all slow
track. Coal dealers ordered three
times as much coal as they need-
ed and other stocks frequently in
the same proportion. We work-
ed 3,000 men, and the heaviest
force of contractors ever hand-
led by one railroad company.
There was no consideration of
money or men. Every effort
was made to handle the business.
Construction work could not have
been stopped. The immediate
necessities of the tributary coun-
try required the reconstruction.
The same conditions of heavy
shipments existed everywhere,
so that stock cars were not avail-
able. Stock shipments were de-
layed by the prospect of still
higher markets until the move-
ment became congested.

The work of improvement in
the railroad has now reached
such a stage that we expect a
great improvement in the train
service, and unless we have a
very wet season, will run very
nearly on time and before long
be able to improve the time and
arrive earlier. In the matter of
sleeper service to Carlsbad, there
is no probability that it would
earn ten per cent of the cost of
running the sleeper, and no ad-
ditional sleepers have been ob-
tainable, however, we are con-
sidering the operation of a sleep-
er through to Carlsbad on the
present time card, but the ques-
tion is not yet decided.

There were but two plans of
handling the passenger business;
it would be to break connections
at Amarillo or some other point
and arrive at Carlsbad in day-
light, the other to do as we have
done, running the trains with
immigration through to the best
of our ability. Anyone familiar
with immigration business knows

it would be a failure to make
them lay over at any point.

While I expect people to 'kick'
about delayed trains, I also have
a right to expect them, when
there is a good reason, to give it,
but in none of the valley papers
have I seen more than passing
reference to the work that is now
well under way, which brings a
first-class transcontinental rail-
road nearly to their door. As a
rule, any reference to the road
is unfair and bitter criticism, and
complaint about rates, only look-
ing for 'unfair comparisons and
the tendency of it all has been to
discourage immigration and give
a bad impression to intending
settlers.

In conclusion, I will say that
we hope to be able to handle the
live stock business promptly and
satisfactorily in the future. We
hope to put our valley trains
soon, in connection with trans-
continental trains, and have not
forgotten or overlooked every
advantage possible for the val-
ley, or if they do not like any
certain proposition, will expect
them to say how it can be im-
proved.

Yours truly,
AVERY TURNER.

MORE OIL EXCITEMENT

Well Struck on Four-Mile Just
Above the Hopkins Dam and
Tests Out Fifty Barrels.

J. H. Bracken of Lake Arthur
came in yesterday and reports a
big oil excitement on Four-Mile
just above the Hopkins dam
about eight miles northwest of
Lakewood, where oil was struck
at 500 feet.

A company of Lake Arthur
people consisting of Joe J. Boyd,
W. C. Lawrence, C. F. Matthews,
G. P. Crippen, J. H. Kingston,
W. F. Swingle and J. C. Grant,
drilled a well about fifty feet
east of an old artesian well own-
ed by Mr. Swingle, which had
been showing plenty of oil indi-
cations ever since artesian water
was first found there. Mr. Grant,
the driller who has been at work
for about three weeks struck oil
at 475 feet, having first struck
artesian water at 400 feet which
kept increasing to about 470 feet
but was cased off as the drilling
progressed. After oil was struck
no casing was used and previous
to striking oil the drillers were

Knowles Items.

Xmas passed very quietly here,
not even an Xmas tree to relieve
the monotony. The little ones
were sorely disappointed. Some
"grown-ups" have a lofty opin-
ion that Santa Claus is beneath
their notice. They forget that
once upon a time they were chil-
dren themselves, and eagerly
looked forward to the annual
visit of Santa. Who ever heard
of a Sunday school without a
Christmas tree?

Dancing was the pastime of
the young people during the hol-
idays. A "hop" was held Xmas
eve in the house formerly occu-
pied by Jake Eller, and later the
hospitable homes of D. H. Cole-
man and John Dewhirst were
thrown open for the pleasure of
the "boys and girls."

Railroad talk again. This time
a branch is to run from Stanton
on the T. & P. to Roswell.

Ground is being plowed pre-
paratory to early spring plant-
ing. A good acreage of cotton
will be cultivated this year. If a
fair yield is realized a gin will be
put up. The country is filling
up rapidly, and before long all
desirable land within a radius of
ten miles will be claimed.

T. A. Dysart is moving his
family to Marlin Springs hoping
to improve his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Pate gave a card
party Dec. 29th. A large num-
ber were present and a delight-
ful evening is reported.

Mrs. R. F. Love, our genial
hotel lady, spread a tempting
Xmas dinner, which was highly
enjoyed by those spending the
day in town.

Mr. Blackwell and family
spent the holidays on the ranch.

Rumor says we will have a new
town about 20 miles west.

Cow men are preparing to de-
camp in the early spring. Grass
will be as scarce as hen's teeth.

The stork has visited Knowles
in the last month, leaving little
ones to gladden the homes of J.
L. Toole, Raleigh Wright and
Clyde Shields.

Notice of Annual Election Pecos Water Users' Association.

The Shareholder of Pecos Wa-
ter Users' Association will take
notice that the Annual Election
will be held in the office of the
Association, in Carlsbad, New
Mexico, on the third Tuesday in
January that being the 21st day
of January A. D. 1908, for the
purpose of electing three direc-
tors for a term of three years,
one in each of the following dis-
tricts: Otis, Florence and Mala-
ga, to succeed A. M. Hove, R.
Wells Benson, and Willis Cad-
well, whose terms of office expire
February 1, 1908.

The polls will be open at 10
o'clock, a. m. and close at 3
o'clock p. m.

See Article VIII of the Articles
of Incorporation for qualifications
of electors.

By order of the Board of Di-
rectors.

A. M. Hove, Secretary.
Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 10, 1908.

Horses Wanted to Pasture.

Plenty of good grass and wa-
ter and fine shelter at ranch in
head of Hackberry Draw.

A. E. SIEGNER.

PRESCRIPTION COMPOUNDING

Requires accuracy, absolute accuracy,
to produce the results your physician
seeks.

Absolute accuracy we guarantee in
filling prescriptions, because of our
thorough system of safeguards and
checks. A prescription brought to us
carries an insurance policy of accuracy.
The Star Pharmacy service is prescrip-
tion insurance.

THE STAR PHARMACY
The Quality Drug Store
Phone No. 15.

Roswell News Items.

From Tuesday's Record:

A letter to friends in this city
from Santa Fe brings the news
that Attorney General James M.
Hervey and his little son, An-
drew, are ill and the family are
quartered at the sanitarium in
the territorial capitol. The trip
to Santa Fe proved too much for
them. Their cases are not con-
sidered serious.

The reverend Vincent Trost,
missionary for the Roman Cath-
olic church closed the week's
mission he held in Roswell at
three o'clock Sunday afternoon
and left yesterday morning for
Carlsbad, where he will hold an-
other. The mission here was
well attended and successful in
every way.

The Record is informed that
the manager and editor of the
republican organ spent the great-
er part of the forenoon today in
consultation with the man who
runs the "Louise Without a Head"
on South Main street. Some-
thing sensational may be expect-
ed within a few days.

While the democratic city con-
vention of Roswell this year may
not declare for absolute prohibi-
tion, it should declare for a three
or four thousand dollar license,
and nominate men who are
known to stand ready to estab-
lish prohibition rather than sub-
mit to saloon domination in city
affairs.

Candidates generally have al-
ready agreed that there shall be
no slush fund left at saloons this
year with the intention of in-
fluencing voters before the pri-
maries. Any candidate who de-
posits money at the saloons to
buy whiskey in the coming coun-
ty campaign will be blacklisted.
It has been decided to conduct a
clean campaign.

Pearl Wilson and wife arrived
this morning from Carlsbad for
a short visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Haynes, of
Carlsbad, passed through this
morning on their way to Tucum-
cari, where they expect to locate.

Seven Years of Proof.

"I have had seven years of proof
that Dr. King's New Discovery is the
best medicine to take for coughs and
colds and for every diseased condition
of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V.
Henry, of Panama, Mo. The world
has had thirty-eight years of proof
that Dr. King's New Discovery is the
best remedy for coughs and colds, la-
grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis,
hemorrhage of the lungs, and the ear-
ly stages of consumption. Its timely
use always prevents the development
of pneumonia. Sold under guarantee
at Eddy Drug Co. 50c and \$1. Trial
bottle free.

We Want Your Trinkets



to be just as dependable as your
more important articles of jewelry.
As they are in constant service you
cannot afford the poor flimsy kind.

OUR ASSORTMENT INCLUDES

about everything you could expect in
a good jewelry store. Your friends
can tell you, too, that our moderate
prices never mean inferior qualities.
Come in and look around. There
are many pretty gift suggestions here.

Eddy Drug Company

Largest Drug Store in Southwest

New Feed Store.

J. W. Campbell has opened a
feed store next door to the Cur-
rent office with Mr. Kilgore as
assistant. A full line of feed
stuffs of all kinds will be kept
constantly on hand and will be
sold at the lowest market prices.
The place will be known as the
Carlsbad Feed Store, and has
already gotten in two cars of
feed, and is doing considerable
business for a new firm. Mr.
Campbell is recently from south-
eastern Kansas, where all his
corn and feed is coming from,
and is guaranteed No. 1. Stock-
men in need of good corn or oth-
er grain should get Mr. Camp-
bell to figure on large bills for
this is where he shines. Notice
advertisement in another column.
Phone 24.

Cured Lumbago.

A. H. Canman, Chicago, writes:
"Having been troubled with Lumbago,
at different times and tried one physi-
cian after another, then different oint-
ments and liniments, gave it up alto-
gether. So I tried once more, and got
a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment,
which gave me almost instant relief. I
can cheerfully recommend it, and will
add my name to your list of sufferers."

pouring in water to drill. The
well yields a very good quality
of crude oil, and under test with
a slush bucket shows a yield of
about fifty barrels per day.

People to the number of about
six hundred are wandering over
the country posting notices on
every piece of vacant govern-
ment land to be found, and still
the excitement grows.

That oil will be found some-
where in this country, in large
quantity, is believed by all to be
practically certain.

All the World

is a stage, and Ballard's Snow Lin-
iment plays a most prominent part. It
has no superior for rheumatism, stiff
joints, cuts, sprains and all pains. Buy
it and try it and you will always use it.
Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow
liniment is a living proof of what it
does. Buy a trial bottle. 25c, 50c and
\$1. Sold by Eddy Drug Co.

The democrats of the territory
have, as yet, taken little or no
interest in the political complex-
ion of the delegation to be sent
to Denver from this territory, but
it will be for Bryan or Johnson.
Bryan has many personal friends
in the territory and has the best
of it. —Industrial Advertiser.